

SEC. 832. STUDY OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR TRANSFER OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES.

(a) GAO-CONVENED PANEL- The Comptroller General shall convene a panel of experts to study the policies and procedures governing the transfer of commercial activities for the Federal Government from Government personnel to a Federal contractor, including--

- (1) procedures for determining whether functions should continue to be performed by Government personnel;
- (2) procedures for comparing the costs of performance of functions by Government personnel and the costs of performance of such functions by Federal contractors;
- (3) implementation by the Department of Defense of the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-270; 31 U.S.C. 501 note); and
- (4) procedures of the Department of Defense for public-private competitions pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76.

(b) COMPOSITION OF PANEL- (1) The Comptroller General shall appoint highly qualified and knowledgeable persons to serve on the panel and shall ensure that the following entities receive fair representation on the panel:

- (A) The Department of Defense.
- (B) Persons in private industry.
- (C) Federal labor organizations.
- (D) The Office of Management and Budget.

(2) For the purposes of the requirement for fair representation under paragraph (1), persons serving on the panel under subparagraph (C) of that paragraph shall not be counted as persons serving on the panel under subparagraph (A), (B), or (D) of that paragraph.

(c) CHAIRMAN- The Comptroller General, or an individual within the General Accounting Office designated by the Comptroller General, shall be the chairman of the panel.

(d) PARTICIPATION BY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES- The chairman shall ensure that all interested parties, including individuals who are not represented on the panel

who are officers or employees of the United States, persons in private industry, or representatives of Federal labor organizations, have the opportunity to submit information and views on the matters being studied by the panel.

(e) INFORMATION FROM AGENCIES- The panel may request directly from any department or agency of the United States any information that the panel considers necessary to carry out a meaningful study of the policies and procedures described in subsection (a), including the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 process. To the extent consistent with applicable laws and regulations, the head of such department or agency shall furnish the requested information to the panel.

(f) REPORT- Not later than May 1, 2002, the Comptroller General shall submit the report of the panel on the results of the study to Congress, including recommended changes with respect to implementation of policies and enactment of legislation.

(g) DEFINITION- In this section, the term 'Federal labor organization' has the meaning given the term 'labor organization' in section 7103(a)(4) of title 5, United States Code.